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Monday the 26th, the day of  
the burial of our late President,  
has also been set aside as a day  
of thanksgiving and prayer, by Presi-  
dent Arthur.

Mrs. Garfield has declared her in-  
tention never again to visit the White  
House. She can not bear to look up-  
on the scene of so much suffering to  
her and hers.

Cette way is said to be almost in-  
consolable over the death of one of  
his five wives. Usually a man doesn't  
"take on" that way in this country  
when his only wife dies.

Guiteau received the news of the  
death of the President with trem-  
bling and fear. He wanted to know  
if the jail was well guarded, and is  
evidently aware that the cry of ven-  
geance is abroad in the land.

Governor Porter has appointed  
Hon. A. D. Straight Commissioner to  
the Mississippi River harbor im-  
provement convention, which is to meet  
in St. Louis soon. A better appoint-  
ment could not have been made.

Dr. Cole, Mayor of Kokomo, while  
in the act of robbing a flour mill in  
that city, Tuesday night, was shot  
and killed by a constable. Dr. Cole  
was a man of mature years—old  
enough to be the father of any of the  
West Point colored boys who have  
failed to cover themselves with glory.  
We wonder if the Caucasian race  
will now be declared a failure?

**PRESIDENT ARTHUR.**  
Immediately after the death of  
President Garfield, the oath of office  
was administered to Vice-President  
Arthur in his own house in New  
York City, by Justice Brady of the  
New York Supreme Court, and from  
that moment President Arthur be-  
came the Executive head of the  
Nation. It is the judgment of those  
best informed that the policy of the  
new Executive will be substantially  
the same as that of his illustrious  
predecessor. Some of President  
Arthur's most intimate friends as-  
sert that it is the ambi-  
tion of that gentleman to  
begin where President Garfield left  
off, and continue the same patriotic  
and wise policy so ably inaugurated  
by the dead President. The new

President is recognized as a gentle-  
man of culture, genius, and adapta-  
bility to the details of office, and it  
is the almost universal belief that his  
administration will be one of honor to  
himself and useful and profitable to  
the country. President Arthur is on  
record as a friend of the Negro when  
to be such entailed social and busi-  
ness ostracism of a character now lit-  
tle dreamed of, he having been coun-  
sel for several fugitive slaves in New  
York City previous to the war. We  
predict now that in the hour of his  
highest elevation he will be a steady  
friend of all the people, irrespec-  
tive of color or race.

**Garfield.**  
Aspect he rose; deep on his brow engraven  
Deliberation sat, and public care.  
And princely counsel in his face yet shone.  
With Aulic and shrewdly to be seen,  
The weight of mightiest monarchies his look  
Drew audience and attention still as night  
Or Summer's noontide air.  
Garfield dead! And the Prince of Cal-  
vary, is he dead? Or Brown of Harper's  
Ferry, who died for men, as surely as  
Christ did? And Lincoln, our first martyr  
to unreasoning hate, are these dead? Then  
is Garfield not dead, for such never die.  
Death with them is but an incident; they  
simply go before to exist in other worlds of  
higher mysteries far away: to speak in  
other tongues than ours. In the language  
of an eloquent divine, "Bury the records of  
your country's history; and the spreading  
and from sea to sea, which his name is  
inseparably connected; and even then you  
would not bury him." But to all intents and  
purposes as far as mortal minds can discern  
James A. Garfield is no more; he has passed  
from the realm of mortal things; from the  
ken of earthly vision. Prince of men,  
flower of your age, ornament of your  
country's glory, rest thou in peace; earth  
hold no prouder grave. Thou hast  
gone out from our midst, with the halo of a  
strange and fadeless glory encircling you,  
and while the fragrance of a Nation's love  
was yet sweet about you.  
"God's finger touched him, and he slept,"  
We could weep, nay we have wept already,  
but what avail tears? There are times  
when the ordinary resources of humanity  
fail; such a time is this; and in plaintive  
floods of tears, as the memory of his  
"deep damnation of his taking off" confronts  
us, "How is this strong staff broken, this  
beautiful rod?"

**W. ALLISON SWEENEY.**  
**A Natural Mistake.**  
It was a foggy afternoon, and the rain had  
begun to fall. Lower Broadway was  
crowded with drays, busses, and vehicles of  
every description, drivers were shouting at  
each other, and the scene was one of great  
confusion. People stood upon the sidewalks  
waiting in the rain for an opportunity to  
cross the street, and among the impatient  
throng was an elderly-looking lady appar-  
ently much troubled by the situation, and who  
after watching in vain for a policeman, finally  
made an effort to cross the street, but  
retreated in alarm. Just then a portly  
middle-aged gentleman of benign coun-  
tenance stepped up to the lady, and with  
his hand on her shoulder, "It is useless for you  
to wait or to look for a policeman," he said.  
"It is a pity that an old lady like yourself  
should be kept standing in this crowd, so if  
you will let me my arm I will cross"—here he  
paused, for the face of the lady was turned  
toward him, and he beheld the round, rosy  
countenance of a young lady just out of her  
teens. Her bright black eyes spoke volun-  
tarily of astonishment and indignation, and with  
an additional upward turn to her naturally  
retrousse nose she mockingly replied: "Old  
lady, indeed?" and picking up her handker-  
chief she made a lively run across the street,  
leaving the gentleman to stare after her.  
A story is told of Lord Palmerston, who  
was quickly out of sight. The polite but dazed  
Samaritan stood still for a moment in silent  
wonder, and then walked slowly away,  
whistling softly to himself. The secret of  
his blunder was simply this: The young lady  
was completely enveloped in an antique  
Mother Hubbard's cloak, whose heavy folds  
hung straight down from his wide old  
fashioned yoke. Upon her head was an im-  
mense cloud of hair, and from her arm, and  
her back to the crowd she looked as if she  
might be her own great-grandmother.

**How to Make a Speech.**  
[Chambers' Journal.]  
Reporters as a rule are persevering men,  
and like to give good value for their serv-  
ices. A story is told of Lord Palmerston's  
experience of important reporters.  
London scribe having heard that his Lord-  
ship was to be present at an archery meet-  
ing in a small country village in Hamp-  
shire, he went to the place and at-  
tended the meeting. Lord Palmerston's task  
was to distribute prizes to some half a dozen  
blushing young ladies, and the whole com-  
pany present did not number much above a  
score. His Lordship performed his task  
with his customary grace and good  
humor, giving the young ladies a kindly pat  
on the head, but making only the most com-  
monplace observations. The reporter  
waited anxiously in his place until, to his  
horror, he saw the proceedings brought to a  
close without any formal speech from the  
Premier. This was more than he could  
stand. He rushed from the corner to the  
Premier, and said: "My Lord, I beg your  
pardon, but really this won't do." "What do you mean?"  
was the reply of the astonished statesman.  
"Why, you've made no speech! I've come  
all the way from London to report it, and I  
must have a speech of some sort." Where-  
upon it is on record that the good-tempered  
old gentleman turned back, and detained the  
retreating audience for twenty minutes,  
while he gave them a genial dissertation on  
the good qualities of English women in gen-  
eral, and of Hampshire ladies in particular.

About twenty of the Presbyterian clergy-  
men in New York City have begun to use  
the revised version of the New Testament  
in their pulpits. An impression exists  
in certain quarters that this is ecclesiasti-  
cally illegal; but this is a mistake. The Presby-  
terian Assembly never officially designated  
the King James version as the only one to be  
used in Churches. Presbyterian Churches  
are at liberty to use any respectable version  
they can find, or to make a new one for  
themselves if they so prefer.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(Correspondents will please make their communi-  
cations as brief and concise as possible. Owing to our  
limited space, we are frequently compelled to leave  
out matter that we would like to publish, but can  
not for want of space. All letters outside of In-  
dianapolis should reach us Thursday. All commu-  
nications written on both sides of the paper will be  
refused.)

**Springfield, Ohio.**—On account of  
some misunderstanding the meeting that  
was announced to be held last Wednesday  
evening at North Street Church for the con-  
sideration of the school question, was very  
slightly attended; not more than half per-  
centage of the number present at the previous  
meeting were in attendance, and those  
rather late in getting, it being nearly half  
past eight. When the meeting was called  
to order, Charles D. Swayne was chosen  
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